the recognition of the Diploma by one State Government; and

(c) if reply to (a) and (b) be in the affirmative, what is the policy of the Government of India and State Governments with regard to eligibility for registration and employment in the light of Articles 14, 16 and 19 of the Constitution?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI BINDESHWARI DUBEY): (a) The Institute has brought this to the notice of the Government.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) All citizens of India resident in the country are eligible for registration at the Employment Exchanges at the place where they normally reside according to their qualification and experience for employment assistance. The qualifications as are recognised either by the Central Government or by respective State Governments are considered by Employment Exchanges for registration and employment assistance.

Newsitem "Press Karmcharion Ki Sunwai Nahi"

1740. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether he has seen the reports 'Sahakari Sangh Ka Press Men Andher' (Jansatta dated 15th October, 1988) and 'Press Karamcharion Ki Sunwai Nahi' (Nav Bharat Times dt. 11th February, 1988) stating the various sufferings of the Press workers of the National Cooperative Union of India, at Hauz Khas, New Delhi and if so, what are the facts; and

(b) Government's response to each one of them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) and (b) The inormation is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Accommodation to the Chief Executive, NCUI

1741. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the report published in the Times of India dated the 8th February, 1988 stating that the Chief Executives, NCUI had acquired accommodation in Vasant Bihar @ Rs. 5000 per month and renovation of the Chairman's office has been undertaken at a huge cost whereas Printing Press employees are deprived of their legitimate rights and financial benefits; and

(b) if so, the action taken against the guilty officers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Closure of Modern Rice Mill, Durgapur

1742. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY :
SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI:
SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE :

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have decided to close down the modern Rice Mills under the FCI at Durgapur; if so, the reasons therefor and the number of workers likely to be affected due to the closure;

(b) whether Government have received any representation from the United Contractors Union, Durgapur regarding the absorption of casual workers;

(c) if so, whether Government propose to provide alternative jobs to the contractor workers working in the said mill; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor ?